



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	CALFIRE County-Wide Fire Control Road Routine Maintenance Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	MVU County-Wide	COUNTY	San Diego
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION - CAL FIRE COUNTY-WIDE FIRE CONTROL ROAD ROUTINE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

As part of the fire control infrastructure, CALFIRE maintains approximately 320 miles of fire control roads within San Diego County. These roads provide dependable access to remote areas throughout the county, serve as containment lines, and in some cases as secondary evacuation routes. Common maintenance projects include road surface grading, filling of eroded ruts, repair of existing water drainage facilities, debris removal from existing culvert systems, removal of obstructions within the roadway such as rocks and fallen trees, and the breaching of roadside berms. Depending on the condition of the road and the objective, the level of treatment can vary. Road maintenance activities conducted under this project will be completed by CAL FIRE Heavy Fire Equipment Operator(s). Road maintenance equipment typically used consists of graders, dozers, backhoes, and rollers. All road maintenance activities (grader and dozer operations) will be limited to the existing road prisms and culvert inlets. Annual maintenance performed on these roads on a rotational basis is required to ensure the roads remain passable and available to support emergency response. No more than 70 miles (120 acres) will be treated county-wide by this method annually.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4  
15301 Maintenance of Existing Facilities  
15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project consists of routine annual maintenance on existing roads within the established road prism. This project fits primarily under portions of Class 1 (Maintenance of Existing Facilities) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). No activity is proposed under this project that is listed as a limitation under CCR 15300.2(a-f). After completing an environmental assessment, the Department has determined this project will have no significant impact on the environment. Field review by CAL FIRE staff has confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the MVU Unit Headquarters in El Cajon.

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